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BACK TO THE FUTURE

Today, Seattle will elect its second female mayor. Here's who served since the city elected its first.

Bertha Knight Landes
1926-1928

Frank E. Edwards
1928-1931

Robert H. Harlin*
1931-1932

John F. Dore
1932-1934

Charles L. Smith
1934-1936

John F. Dore#
1936-1938

James Scavotto*
1938

Arthur B. Langlie
1938-1941

John E. Carroll*
1941

Earl Millikin
1941-1942

William F. Devin
1942-1952

Allan Pomeroy
1952-1956

Gordon S. Clinton
1956-1964

James d'Orma Braman
1964-1969

Floyd C. Miller
1969

Wesley C. Uhlman
1969-1978

Charles Royer
1978-1990

Norm Rice
1990-1998

Paul Schell
1998-2002

Greg Nickels
2002-2010

Michael McGinn
2010-2014

Ed Murray
2014-2017

Bruce Harrell+
2017

Tim Burgess*
2017

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Jenny Durkan
or Cary Moon
2017-

** Appointed to finish unexpired term.*

 # Relieved of office April 13, 1938; died five days later.

+ As City Council president he was appointed to finish Murray's unexpired term, but declined.

Will Seattle late vote lean left again?

LAGGING TURNOUT

More county voters turning from mailboxes to dropboxes

By JIM BRUNNER AND JUSTIN MAYO
Seattle Times staff reporters

With fewer than half of King County voters expected to cast ballots in Tuesday's election, turnout so far is lagging even that prediction.

As of Monday evening, 261,091 ballots had been returned — 20 percent of the county's nearly 1.3 million registered voters.

"We are definitely below projections so far," said Kendall Hodson, chief of staff for King County Elections, which had estimated countywide turnout would hit 48 percent.

But Hodson said a last-minute flood of votes — especially in new dropboxes positioned throughout the county — could boost the final totals.

One trend to watch: Later batches of votes have tended to trend more liberal and young, leading to swings of as much as 8 percentage points after Election Day.

Whether voters are tuned out or just procrastinating remains to be seen, with the answer potentially playing major roles in contests including Seattle's mayoral race and a nationally watched Eastside legislative contest that likely will determine control of the state Senate.

Prodded by a record-setting $8.5 million in spending, turnout is running higher, at about 27 percent, in the 45th Legislative District state Senate race

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TRAFFIC LAB

Looking to fill a $510M hole

Hot economy, list of requests overwhelmed Sound Transit's Lynnwood light-rail budget, and other projects may suffer.

By MIKE LINDBLOM
Seattle Times transportation reporter

An astonishing $510 million.

How did the cost to build light rail from Northgate to Lynnwood increase so much since last year, with little warning?

Even by Puget Sound megaproject standards, that is real money.

Left untamed, a half-billion-dollar overrun might delay future extensions to Everett, or sink taxpayers deeper in debt. Already, the Lynnwood grand opening has been delayed at least six months into 2024, because of unstable federal funding and Sound Transit's need to find a more economical design.

Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff raised the official estimate to $2.9 billion in August for the 8½-mile light-rail extension, called Lynnwood Link, up from $2.4 billion.

Our region's hot economy is largely to blame. Property values alone have shot up 44 percent since 2014, and construction costs soared. The price of masonry doubled, and escalators quadrupled, the agency says.

But there's another reason: the inflation of desires.

During the nine years since voters said yes, cities and transit planners asked for a multitude of features that each might seem reasonable but taken as a whole help put the original cost projections out of reach.

Shoreline wants public event plazas at two stations. Mountlake

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MIKE SIEGEL / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Trains at Mountlake Terrace will stop east of Interstate 5, instead of at this median express-bus station, the future of which is uncertain.

2 heroes halt Texas attack, go after killer

CHURCH MASSACRE

'Let's go': Barefoot man with rifle, stranger in pickup become first responders

By WILL WEISSERT AND JIM VERTUNO
The Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas — A former National Rifle Association instructor who grabbed his rifle and ran barefoot across the street to open fire on the gunman who slaughtered 26 people at a small-town Texas church was hailed as a hero Monday, along with the pickup driver who helped chase the killer down.

Stephen Willeford, 55, said he was at his Sutherland Springs home Sunday when his daughter alerted him that she'd heard gunfire at the First Baptist Church nearby. Willeford said he immediately retrieved his rifle from his weapons safe.

"I kept hearing the shots, one after another, very rapid shots — just 'Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!' — and I knew every one of those shots represented someone, that it was aimed at someone, that they weren't just random shots," Willeford said Monday during an interview with television stations in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Willeford said he loaded his magazine and ran barefoot across the street to the church where he saw gunman

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Apple parks its profits offshore

PARADISE PAPERS | Leaked documents show the firm stashed billions of dollars on the tax-free haven of Jersey, in the English Channel, after a federal inquiry.

By JESSE DRUCKER AND SIMON BOWERS
The New York Times

Tim Cook was angry.

It was May 2013, and Cook, the chief executive of Apple, appeared before a U.S. Senate investigative subcommittee. After a lengthy inquiry, it found that the company had avoided tens of billions of dollars in taxes by shifting profits into Irish subsidiaries that the panel's chairman called "ghost companies."

"We pay all the taxes we owe, every single dollar," Cook declared at the hearing. "We don't depend on tax gimmicks," he went on. "We don't stash money on some Caribbean island."

True enough. The island Apple would soon rely on was in the English Channel.

Five months after Cook's testimony, Irish officials began to crack down on the tax structure Apple had exploited. So the iPhone maker went hunting for another place to park its profits, newly leaked records show. With help from law firms that specialize in off-

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